

APPEAL NO. 022947
FILED JANUARY 7, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on October 17, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury sustained by the appellant (claimant) on _____, does not extend to or include bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome (BCTS). The claimant contends that this determination is against the great weight of the evidence. The respondent (self-insured) urges affirmance of the hearing officer's decision.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Whether the claimant's compensable injury extends to and includes BCTS was a factual question for the hearing officer to resolve. Section 410.165(a) provides that the contested case hearing officer, as finder of fact, is the sole judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence as well as of the weight and credibility that is to be given the evidence. It was the hearing officer's prerogative to believe all, part, or none of the testimony of any witness, including that of the claimant. Aetna Insurance Company v. English, 204 S.W.2d 850 (Tex. Civ. App.-Fort Worth 1947, no writ). Nothing in our review of the record indicates that the hearing officer's decision is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order is affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CITY SECRETARY
(ADDRESS)
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

Chris Cowan
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Elaine M. Chaney
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge